rights for operation of international air services are specified in our bilateral Air Services Agreements concluded with various countries. These agreements are reviewed from time to time as part of an on-going process, depending on traffic demand, balance of benefit to our carriers, overall interest to national economy and diplomatic/political considerations. Based on this, traffic rights have been enhanced in Gulf region during the bilateral air services consultations with Gulf Air owner States (UAE/Bahrain/Oman), UAE (Dubai), Qatar and Oman during the last 3 years.

Air-connectivity in North-Eastern Region

1364. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the status of air-connectivity in the North-Eastern Region;

(b) the number of flights among the North-Eastern States including the Kolkata airport;

(c) the number of these flights operated by Indian Airlines and by other organizations indicating the detailed break of flights, air-connectivity in this region; and

(d) whether Government propose to increase the air-connectivity in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Airline-wise details of current air services in the North East Region is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services in different regions of the country including North East Region. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

Statement

Current operations of scheduled airlines in North-East Region

	Aircraft Type	Freq/Week
Indian Airlines Sector		
Delhi-Guwahati-Imphal & return	A320	2
Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A320	2
Kolkata-Dibrugarh-Kolkata	A320	5
Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	A320	7
Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	A320	2
Kolkata-Bagdogra-Kolkata	A320	2
Alliance Air		
Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	B737	3
Guwahati-Agartala-Guwahati	ATR42	6
Guwahati-Silchar-Guwahati	ATR42	4
Guwahati-Lilabari-Guwahati	ATR42	2
Guwahati-Dimapur-Guwahati	ATR42	4
Guwahati-Aizwal-Guwahati	ATR42	4
Guwahati-Imphal-Guwahati	ATR42	2
Guwahati-Lilabari-Guwahati	ATR42	2
Kolkata-Tezpur-Jorhat-Kolkata	B737	1
Kolkata-Dimapur-Jorhat-Kolkata	B737	1
Kolkata-Silchar-Kolkata	B737	2
Kolkata-Tezpur-Dimapur-Kolkata	B737	1
Kolkata-Imphal-Kolkata	B737	1
Kolkata-Aizwal-Imphal & Return	B737	2
Kolkata-Aizwal-Kolkata	B737	1
Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	B737	7
Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	ATR42	14
Kolkata-Silchar-Kolkata	ATR42	8
Kolkata-Aizwal-Kolkata	ATR42	4
Kolkata-Shillong-Kolkata	ATR42	6
Kolkata-Dimapur-Kolkata	ATR42	5
Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	ATR42	7
Silchar-Agartala-Silchar	ATR42	2
Silchar-Imphal-Silchar	ATR42	6

	Aircraft Type	Freq/Week
Jet Airways Sector		
Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	B737	3
Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	B737	4
Delhi-Guwahati-Delhi	B737	7(*) *w.e.f.* 1.12.05
Kolkata-Guwahati-Jorhat & Return	B737	2
Kolkata-Jorhat-Kolkata	B737	2
Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	B737	7
Kolkata-Guwahati-Imphal & Return	B737	5
Kolkata-Agartala-Guwahati & Return	B737	4
Kolkata-Imphal-Kolkata	B737	1
Kolkata-Agartala-Kolkata	B737	3
Kolkata-Bagdogra-Kolkata	B737	7
Sahara Airlines		
Delhi-Guwahati-Dibrugarh & Return	B737	7
Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	B737	7
Air Deccan		
Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	A320	3
Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A320	3
Delhi-Guwahati-Bagdogra-Delhi	A320	4
Delhi-Bagdogra-Guwahati-Delhi	A320	3
Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	A320	7
Kolkata-Guwahati-Dibrugarh & Return	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Guwahati-Dibrugarh & Return	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Agartala-Guwahati & Return	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Silchar-Kolkata	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Aizwal-Kolkata	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Agartala-Guwahati & Return	ATR42	7
Kolkata-Bagdogra-Kolkata	ATR42	7
Kingfisher Airlines		
Guwahati-Bagdogra-Guwahati	A320	7
Kolkata-Guwahati-Kolkata	A320	7